COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

What is the definition of a Commercial Vehicle?

According to the code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, there are three different categories of commercial vehicles.

Category 1

A vehicle such as a taxicab, limousine under twenty (20) feet in length or any passenger vehicle, truck or van less than eight (8) feet in height.

Category 2

A vehicle eight (8) feet or less in height that displays, either fixed or temporary externally mounted equipment, such as ladders, lawn care equipment. Trailers or utility trailers less than twenty (20) feet which are enclosed or open, shall be considered a Category 2 vehicle.

Category 3

A vehicle other than a recreational vehicle exceeding twenty (20) feet in length or more than eight (8) feet in height i.e., tow trucks, dump trucks, semi-tractor/trailers cabs and construction equipment shall be considered Category 3 commercial vehicles.

Parking or Storage Regulations

Parking or storage of certain commercial vehicles is allowed on private property in residential zones as follows:

- Only two (2) category 1 vehicles may be stored or parked at a residence.
- Only one (1) category 2 vehicle in an enclosed garage or behind the front building line and within a completely enclosed, opaque fence, screening wall or landscaping six (6) feet in height at least ten (10) feet from the rear property line.
- Street parking or storage of all category 3 vehicles is prohibited in all residential zoning districts.

The temporary parking of a category 2 or 3 vehicle in front of the building line shall be permitted for the purpose of loading or unloading and for otherwise providing a service to the property owner or tenant. In addition to civil penalties such vehicle may be towed or immobilized until all outstanding violations and enforcement costs have been paid.

Citations will be issued immediately if a property owner has received prior warning.

DISPLAY OF VEHICLES FOR SALE



The Code of Miami-Dade County prohibits the display of vehicles for sale within the limits of any County right-of-way. (Sec. 33-19.1.)

Description

No Vehicle shall be displayed for sale in a residential district unless affixed to the vehicle is a valid state license plate issued for the vehicle, except that a vehicle affixed with a lost tag may be displayed for a period not to exceed (10) days. A vehicle with a lost tag shall have the vehicle registration affixed to the rear window so as to be easily identified by law enforcement and code enforcement officials.

In a residential district no more than one (1) vehicle may be displayed for sale at any one (1) time on any one (1) premise and no more than two (2) vehicles may be displayed for sale at any one (1) premise during any one (1) calendar year, and the display shall only be permitted at the address of the registered owner.

All violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first vehicle on a first offense and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per vehicle for each additional vehicle and any repeat violation of this section.

The County may lien the vehicle and any real property owned by the violator in Miami-Dade County until all fines, enforcement cost, and administrative cost are paid by the violator.

Any vehicle in violation of this section may be towed if not removed immediately by the owner. (Vehicle owners will be responsible for all fines, towing fees, storage fees, and any administrative and enforcement fees that result from the enforcement of this section.)

In an effort to maintain and improve the quality of our Miami-Dade County Neighborhoods, Team Metro Code Compliance Officers routinely patrol your area to ensure compliance with Dade County Code regulations. Upon verification of a violation of the Code of Miami-Dade County, a Courtesy Warning Notice may be issued. Failure to comply with provisions of the Code of Miami-Dade County can result in you being assessed Civil Penalties.

Be a Good Neighbor

Keep your community safe and Clean. Report violations of the Miami-Dade County Code by calling the Answer Center at (305) 468-5900.

Hearing Impaired please call (TDD) 305-468-5402; or please visit our

Miami-Dade County Website@ www.Miami-Dade.Gov for detailed information regarding codes within the County.

The information contained in this fact card does not supersede the Code of Metropolitan Miami-Dade County.

Code of Miami-Dade County Sec. 33-20(f)

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